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Claims 15 and 19 are canceled by this Preliminary Amendment. As a result, claims 9-14, 16-18, and 20-23 are now pending in the application.

The final Office Action dated January 24, 2003 includes: i) a rejection of claims 9-21 in view of U.S. Patent 5,774,337 ("Lee"). The previous rejection of claims 10 and 11 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph has been withdrawn. With respect to the dictionary definition relied upon in the Office Action, applicant does not concede that this dictionary definition precisely characterizes the scope of the term "bracket." That is, it is respectfully submitted that other dictionaries may also contain definitions which aptly describe the term "bracket" as it pertains to the present invention.

§102 Rejection of the Claims

Regarding the §102(b) rejection of claims 9-21 in view of the Lee patent, is respectfully submitted that Lee does not disclose "a hinge, comprising a hinging axis in the first plane, for rotatably connecting said bracket to said chassis, said hinge being configured to rotate the bracket in a direction perpendicular to said first plane," as recited in claim 9 and claim 12. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

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The pending claims are respectfully submitted to be in condition for allowance. Accordingly, notification to that effect is earnestly requested. In the event that issues arise in the application which may readily be resolved via telephone, the Examiner is kindly invited to telephone the Gateway, Inc. attorney at (605)232-1967 to facilitate prosecution of the application.

It is believed that the attached Fee Transmittal attends to the appropriate fees owed for the present filing. However, if necessary, please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0439.

Respectfully submitted,

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APPENDIX

MARKED-UP VERSION OF AMENDED CLAIMS

9. (Once Amended) An electronic device chassis comprising:
a bracket for mounting two or more devices, said mounted devices oriented in a first plane;
a hinge for rotatably connecting said bracket to said chassis, said hinge [oriented parallel] being configured to rotate the bracket about a hinging axis in the first plane in a direction perpendicular to said first plane; and
means for securing said bracket in a closed position;
wherein said bracket is configured to rotate between the closed position and an open position about the hinging axis.
11. (Twice Amended) The electronic device chassis of claim 9, further comprising:
a locking structure for locking said bracket in [a first] the closed position.
12. (Once Amended) An electronic system comprising:
a chassis;
a bracket for mounting two or more devices, said mounted devices oriented in a first plane;
a hinge for rotatably connecting said bracket to said chassis, said hinge [oriented parallel] being configured to rotate the bracket about a hinging axis in the first plane in a direction perpendicular to said first plane; and
means for securing said bracket in a closed position;
wherein said bracket is configured to rotate between the closed position and an open position about the hinging axis.

Claims 15 and 19 (cancelled).

Claims 22-23 (New).